

Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources  
**Construction Trades Qualifying Board Division “B”**  
Minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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The **Construction Trades Qualifying Board Division “B”** was called to order at **10:20 A.M.**, on **Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Rooms I/J of the Herbert S. Saffir Permitting and Inspection Center located at 11805 SW 26<sup>th</sup> Street (Coral Way), Miami, Florida 33175.

**Members Present**

Michael Affronte  
Nestor Bustamante, P.A., **Chairman**  
Irv Chazen  
Arthur Fernandez  
Barry Jordan  
Lucio Rivero  
Calvin Samuels  
Kenneth Scott, **Vice Chairman**  
Todd Stiff  
David Barry Yocum

**Members Excused**

Juan Zuniga

**Staff Present**

Benjamin Simon, Assistant County Attorney  
Michael Goolsby, Board and Code Administration Division Director  
Kathy Charles, Board Administrator  
Shirley D. Brown, Contractor Licensing Section Supervisor  
Luis Y. Lopez, Board Recording Secretary

**Court Reporter**

Janice Aguirre, Miami Dade County Court Reporters, Inc.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

The Chairman Nestor Bustamante requested a motion to approve the **minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014** Board meeting. A motion was made by Lucio Rivero to **accept the minutes as written**. Mr. Kenneth Scott seconded the motion. The **motion carried unanimously**.

**Formal Hearing**

---None---

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**Appearances**

**Electrical**

---None---

**Mechanical**

---None---

**Plumbing**

Karim Bayzid  
*Master Plumber*  
Exam Applicant (Personal)

**Trade Experience**

**Result:** Ms. Shirley D. Brown, Contractor Licensing Section Supervisor, informed the Board Members that Mr. Bayzid notified Staff that he was withdrawing his application.

Rene A. Guerra  
*Master Portable Chemical Toilets*  
Change of Affiliation  
From: Scaffolds of Florida Inc.  
To: J & M Scaffolds of Florida, Inc.

**Derogatory Personal Credit Report**

**Note:** Pending Business Credit Report (Old & New Company)

**Result:** Chairman Nestor Bustamante informed the Board that Mr. Guerra was appearing in front of the Board for a Change of Affiliation. Board Member Lucio Rivero informed the Board that Mr. Guerra has an outstanding personal debt in the amount of \$51.00 dollars.

Mr. Guerra was present and informed the Board that he has been in business since 1965. He indicated that in 1976, he changed the name of his company to Scaffolds of Florida Inc. and noted that he actually started in the Portable Toilets business before a license was required in the field. Mr. Guerra emphasized that he has an excellent credit rating and the \$51.00 dollar outstanding debt is for a medical bill from 2007 which he disputes. He notified the Board that a letter from his Banking Institution was sent to Staff advising that he has 24 credit accounts open classified as R1 and the one disputed medical item. Mr. Guerra felt it was an unnecessary burden to take time off to appear before the Board after having clarified with Staff the outstanding debt and providing them with information indicating that he has an excellent credit report.

Mr. Bustamante acknowledged his concerned and indicated all files are reviewed the same manner and the Board takes into consideration and weighs the applicant's financial standing at that time. Upon further discussion, Mr. Lucio Rivero then moved to **approve** Mr. Guerra for

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## Electrical Application/File Review

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**Reciprocity – Business/Personal Certificate – Broward County**

*The Board reviewed and **approved** the following application:*

Sorel Mathurin  
*Master Electrician*

Hope Electrical Contractor LLC.

**Note:** Pending Business Credit Report

**Reciprocity – Personal Certificate – West Palm Beach**

---None---

**Reciprocity – Business/Personal Certificate – West Palm Beach**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Journeyman Burglar Alarm**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Journeyman Fire Alarm**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Journeyman Electrician**

*The Board reviewed and **approved** the following applications:*

Carlos Alvarez  
Carolina Antware  
Manuel D. Araguez  
Frank Caballero  
Jorge L. Cardo  
Yoandy Garcia  
Ivan Gonzalez  
Mario Hernandez

**Exam Applicants – Journeyman Sign Electrician**

---None---

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**Exam Applicants – Maintenance Electrician**

*The Board reviewed and **approved** the following application:*

Luis Alcazar

**Exam Applicants – Master Burglar Alarm**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Electric Utility**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Electrician**

*The Board reviewed and **approved** the following applications:*

Osvaldo Blanco  
Gean C. Figueroa  
Leonardo Lara  
Yosdany Lorenzo-Mena  
Miguel Polanco  
Jose Prieto  
Jose D. Silva  
Jose L. Suarez-Leal

**Exam Applicants – Master Fire Alarm**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Low Voltage**

*The Board reviewed and **approved** the following application:*

David Muguercia

**Exam Applicants – Master Sign Electrician**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master TV Antenna**

---None---

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**Mechanical Application/File Review**

**New Certification**

---None---

**Change of Affiliation**

---None---

**Inactive Status**

---None---

**Reciprocity – Personal Certificate Only – Broward County**

---None---

**Reciprocity – Business/Personal Certificate – Broward County**

---None---

**Reciprocity – Personal Certificate Only – West Palm Beach**

---None---

**Reciprocity – Business/Personal Certificate – West Palm Beach**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Journeyman Air Conditioning**

*The Board reviewed and **approved** the following application:*

Roberto Gonzalez

**Exam Applicants – Journeyman General Mechanical**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Journeyman Pressure & Process Piping**

---None---

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**Exam Applicants – Journeyman Refrigeration**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Sheet Metal**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Air Conditioning – Limited**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Air Conditioning – Unlimited**

*The Board reviewed and **denied** the following application:*

Angel Schwiep

**Note:** Applicant denied due to not having a Dade County Journeyman’s License. **However,**  
**the applicant is *approved* to take the Journeyman’s Exam.**

**Exam Applicants – Master Ammonia Refrigeration**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master General Mechanical**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Room Air Conditioning**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Refrigeration & Air Conditioning**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Sheet Metal**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Steam Generator Boiler & Piping**

---None---

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**Exam Applicants – Master Transporting Assembly Install**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Mechanical Maintenance**

---None---

**Plumbing Application/File Review**

**New Certification**

*The Board reviewed and **approved** the following application:*

Juan Carlos Dapena  
*Master Portable Chemical Toilets*

Express Waste of Miami Inc.

**Change of Affiliation**

---None---

**Inactive Status**

---None---

**Reciprocity – Personal Certificate Only – Broward County**

---None---

**Reciprocity – Business/Personal Certificate – Broward County**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Journeyman Gas Fitter**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Journeyman Plumber**

*The Board reviewed and **approved** the following applications:*

Phillip Albert Elbaz



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**Exam Applicants – Maintenance Plumber**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Gas Fitter**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Lawn Sprinkler**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Plumber**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Portable Chemical Toilets**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Swimming Pool Maintenance – Limited**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Swimming Pool Maintenance – Unlimited**

---None---

**Exam Applicants – Master Swimming Pool Piping**

---None---

**Report**

---None---

**Board Discussion**

**Financial Disclosure Reminder – Kathy Charles**

Kathy Charles, Board Administrator, notified the Board Members that the Department of Ethics is considering further penalties to members of County Advisory Boards that do not provide the

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Financial Disclosure Form by July 1<sup>st</sup>. She informed the Board that not filing this form is a violation of Chapter 2. Mrs. Charles clarified that if a member resigns from the Board; such member has to submit the Financial Disclosure Form covering the calendar year of service.

**Non-Agenda Items**

Chairman Nestor Bustamante informed the Board that Ms. Shirley D. Brown, after thirty (30) years of working for the County, would be retiring effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and this was her last meeting. The Board congratulated Ms. Brown on her years of dedicated service.

Board Member Irv Chazen informed the Board he was continuing to work on gathering support on combating electrocutions and drowning. Mr. Chazen indicated that another pool association was awaiting the outcome of the investigation that caused the recent pool electrocutions before deciding if they would join efforts. He stressed that it is the time to take action and prevent the possibilities of future accidents of this nature. Mr. Chazen distributed copies of publication entitled “Testing a Swimming Pool Bonding Grid.” Mr. Michael Goolsby, Board and Code Administration Division Director, informed the Board that he drafted a local technical amendment that would modify parts of the Building Code both related to the pools low voltages lighting; such ordinance would have to be adopted by the Commission. The implementation can be done locally and during the next Building Code cycle development, the State can consider including the local technical amendment so that it would be implemented State wide.

Board Member Calvin Samuel inquired about Full Board dates. Ms. Kathy Charles informed the Board that Staff would try to schedule the next meeting in August.

Board Member Arthur Fernandez inquired on the status of the Plumbing Examination discussion that was discussed at the meeting of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Mr. Goolsby informed the Board that the textbook is available from two different sources and the specific question that was disputed has since been removed from the examination.

**Continuing Education**

**Cordoba & Associates Inc. – D099**

**One (1) course renewal**

Fire Prevention – (16 hours) D099-001

**Meisner Electric Inc. – D009**

**Two (2) course renewals**

Fire Alarm Systems – (16 hours) D009-001

Lighting Controls – (4 hours) D009-002

The above-mentioned Continuing Education applications were reviewed and **approved** by the Board.

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**Probable Cause Case**

**All Pro Pool and Spas Inc. (Non-Agenda)**

**A2014002165**

Victor Hugo Parra, Qualifying Agent

Francisco Arrechaga, Investigator

Al H. Brady, Complainant

Mr. Francisco Arechaga, Contractor Enforcement Investigator, informed the Board Members that Mr. Parra was contracted to replace the valve system of the pool connected to solar panels. Mr. Arechaga advised the Board that the Contractor had to go back to the job site to fix the replacement of the valve because it was not working properly. After the second attempt to fix the replacement, the Qualifying Agent notified the Homeowner that he was going to return to replace it, but never did. The Homeowner had to hire a contractor from Broward County and within fifteen minutes the new contractor fixed the valve and didn't charge the complainant for the work performed.

Chairman Nestor Bustamante inquired on the charges Staff would file against the Contractor and if a permit was required to replace the vault. Mr. Bustamante advised the Board that this complaint could be a breach of contract/warranty or a civil matter. Mr. Benjamin Simon, Assistant County Attorney, advised the Board that Staff could charge the Contractor for violation of Section 10-22 (b) for contractual abandonment.

Mr. Arechaga informed the Board that the Owner is seeking a reprimand against the contractor for the quality of worked he performed at the job site.

Upon further discussion, Mr. Michael Affronte then moved to find **no probable cause** and no **Formal Hearing be called** at this time. He further advised Staff to contact the Contractor for additional information, which may lead to clarification/resolution. Mr. Lucio Rivero seconded the motion. The **motion carried unanimously**.

**Board Information**

The Board acknowledged the Miami-Dade County Examination Administration Report – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 to May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.**